3004. *[Transferred to 29th March,* 1993]

Industrialisation of Punjab

3005. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gov ernment have been considering any proposal to set up new projects for the development and industrialisation of Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The projects for which letters of intent have been granted prima rily relate to Metallurgical Industry, Chemical, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Fermentation Industries, Sugar, Ve getable Oil and Vanaspati, Textile, Transportation, Leather & Leather Goods. Paper & Paper Products and Machine Tools etc.

Setting- up industries in Punjab

3006. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of mills set up recently in private and public sector in Punjab during the period from 1990 to December, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): As per information furnished by the Government of Punjab, 37 Large/Medium units in the private sector and 27 Large Me-dium units in public sector were set up during 1-4-90 to 31.12.92. During the same period, 34361 Small Scale Units were set up.

Closure of industries in Northern india

3007. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some industries in Northern States are facing crisis and a number of units engaged in the concerned industries are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details of such industries and their production stating the reasons, state-wise, for their losses; and

(c) whether any scheme have been formulated and financial assistance is being given 'for revival of such industries'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI); (a) and (b) Data regarding sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. According to the latest avail-abse RBI-data, detailg regarding sick industrial units of the Northern States/Union Territories are given in Statement—I.

The major causes for sickness as reported by banks relate to marketing, technical, labour and production problems, management deficiencies, power shortage, demand recession and natural calamities.

(c) Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units. Some of the important aspects are given in Statement-II.